

Abstract

The present invention relates to the method for producing a nonionic surfactant, including the step (I) of reacting alcohol having a water content of not more than 0.1% by mass with ethylene oxide to obtain ethylene oxide-adduct, the step (II) of reacting the ethylene oxide-adduct with propylene oxide to obtain the alkylene oxide-adduct having a content of remaining propylene oxide of not more than 1000 mg/kg, and the step (III) of reacting the alkylene oxide-adduct with ethylene oxide to obtain the nonionic surfactant having each content of remaining ethylene oxide and remaining propylene oxide of not more than 5 mg/kg.